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BISHOP CURTIS WITH HIM

West Virginia Prelate Accompanies the Cardinal to Washington and Acts as Celebrant at the Service—Sermon on the Church's Patronal Saint by Father Padrow.

Christmas services were held yesterday at many of the city churches. Instead of on Christmas Day, as on Christmas at other churches, those which were held yesterday were marked with an unusually large attendance and the most elaborate musical programs. This is the rule for Christmas Day, as it is on Easter, but the great turnout of people yesterday was scarcely to be expected, considering the unpropitiousness of the weather. It was clear and cold on Christmas night, but the warming up of the temperature toward morning produced rain and snow. The sun came out through it all, and although there was not a glacial sunburst, it was not an unmitigated blessing. It melted the snow and made the streets slippery, besides leaving on the shabby side of streets an ineffable compound of clumped ice and churned snow.

Nevertheless, as it was the day on which many churches chose to celebrate Christmas, the response was in keeping with the joyous character of the day, and its universal celebration.

In the Catholic churches there were as usual masses at nearly every hour from 5 until 11 o'clock, and the latter service being the most numerous and the honor of the season. At most of the churches the special service was at 11 a.m. The music was as on Christmas Day.

The Catholic church at which interest largely centered was St. Stephen's, at Twenty-fifth and Pennsylvania. The special interest there was the presence of Cardinal Gibbons and Bishop Curtis, of West Virginia. Cardinal Gibbons came over from Baltimore in the morning and remained at St. Stephen's rectory until 5 p.m., when he returned to Baltimore.

The 11 o'clock services at the church were attended by an unusual congregation. Bishop Curtis was the celebrant of the mass, the assistants being Cardinal Gibbons, Monsignor Sharratt and Father Lee, of St. Mary's, deacon, Father Monahan, of St. Paul's, subdeacon, Father Keefe, of the Catholic University, deacon of honor, Rev. Father Deacon of the Catholic University, masters of ceremonies, Fathers Goughy and O'Connell, of St. Stephen's, assistants to the cardinal, Father Keefe, of the Catholic University, Father Walsh, of Georgetown, and Father O'Donnell, of St. Peter's. The mass sung was Gounod's, the program having been published already in The Times.

The sermon was by Father Padrow, of St. Stephen's church, and was an eloquent prophecy on the character and services at St. Stephen, the patronal saint of the church.

The vesper at St. Stephen's were at 7:30 o'clock, the celebrant being Mr. Sharratt, deacon Father Keefe, subdeacon, Father Deacon, Father Goughy and O'Connell, assistants.

At St. Patrick's church there was a very large gathering at 11 o'clock mass, the celebrant being Father Williams, who then said his first mass. On Christmas day Father McGroarty said his initial mass at St. Peter's church.

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If the Christmas Spirit Would Reign Always.

REV. DR. KENT'S DISCOURSE

If It Were Dominant a Happy Change Would Be Wrought in This World, He Says, and Men Would Labor for One Another Instead of Striving for Self Alone.

Rev. Alexander Kent, of the People's Church, talked yesterday of "Some things that would be changed for the better if the spirit of Christmas were carried into all our activities, and through all the year."

It was a Christmas sermon all the way through. There were quotations from Dickens' "Christmas Carols," suggestions in what the day does not mean and good advice on how to apply Christmas in daily life. He said:

"I have been thinking much for the past few days what a happy change would come over this grand old world of ours—grand despite all the trouble and sorrow which a residence in it involves—if only this spirit of Christmas which has been bringing so much gladness into millions of homes during the week that has just passed could be carried into all the activities of our daily life, and through all the year."

"It would make us all Christians in the largest and best sense, for the spirit of Christmas is the spirit of Christ, and we have the authority of the Great Apostle for saying that if any man have not the spirit of Christ he is none of His. This places the Christ spirit above all dogmatic belief, all zeal for the church, all external observances, all selfishness, all greed. And this accords perfectly with that splendid panoramic of Paul on the supremacy of love. Though one be gifted with science and is seemingly angelic and have not love he is as sounding brass or as clanging cymbal. So one may be great as a teacher and so mighty in faith as to move the mountains, and yet be counted as nothing if he have not love. He may give all his goods to feed the poor and even give his body to be burned, and yet it will not profit him if he have not the love of his neighbor."

Dr. Kent talked of what this spirit would do in the business world. It would do away completely with all antagonisms and strife, all the fierce competitions and ungenerous rivalries of our present social state. No man will wish to exploit or despise his neighbor. No one will be willing to gain through another's loss. Under the present regime each has to get ahead by himself. There is no one to guard him against loss but himself. Under the regime of the Christmas spirit there is none to injure.

"The business world is today moving rapidly, though unconsciously, in the direction of the very methods which the Christmas spirit would adopt should it come to the throne. The movement is not due to the presence of power of this spirit, but to a growing recognition of the destructive and dangerous character of the competitive method, and the absolute necessity of pooling issues and acting together as a means of self-protection. As yet, self-interest is the purely material phase is the chief factor in the movement toward co-operation. When men in the same line of business find themselves hard pressed by competition, and realize that success is probable only to the few of greatest ability and largest resources, and that failure and ruin are as certain as death to the many of less ability and smaller means, self-interest prompts at once to some union of forces with a view to augment the chances of success."

"These combinations being formed only by self-interest, and without any regard for others in their line, only the few who are the strongest and most formidable rivals of each other are invited to enter the combination. This may not class co-operation. Despite the selfishness of this plan, the fact is that the interest of each is the interest of all cannot fail in the long run to have some educational value in carrying the members of this combination forward to a perception of the necessity—even from the standpoint of self-interest—for a wider inclusive co-operative movement. Already the business brains of this nation and of the world have come to realize the necessity of some measure of organized co-operation. The movement is in the order of a natural evolution and must, in the nature of things, go forward, becoming wider and wider in its scope until the whole body of the people shall share in the benefits of universal co-operation."

With such a cooperation, Dr. Kent said, the whole body of society would realize the importance of every member, and the duty of securing to each the fullest possible opportunity for the use and development of all special gifts, together with such just and equitable distribution of the common product as would wipe out poverty and the misery which it brings. "Cooperation implies antagonism of interest; co-operation, identity of interest. We speak today of the social body. But under our present system each is a member. We are not organized as a body. If a body every member has its place and functions in relation to the whole, and the interest of one is as sacredly guarded as the interest of another. The life of the body is the life of all its parts. No single member can be sacrificed without injury to the whole. The competitive regime denies the whole theory of social unity. The individual life can only be promoted at the expense of others."

"An inquiry into justice could be done away with speedily were the spirit of Christmas one to take real and permanent control of our industrial affairs. Private ownership in land would be abolished. Private control of public franchises of every sort would be done away. No individual would be allowed to enrich himself at the public expense. "Every community in this country is ridden by hosts of corporations, which, through the connivance or the ignorance of the ruling powers, obtain legal permission to plunder the people."

"We want in our midst the presence of a spirit that isn't so awfully tender of corporations and has some sort of decent regard for the rights of the people. "When we get this we will make provision for the people and the provision of feed them or clothe them by individual or public charity, but provision for their employment as wealth-creating labor. We will open the way to the land. We will open the way to the shops, to the factory, to the mines. We will give all people a place to work to the end that they may be able to take care of themselves and others with such gifts as they have. And when we have done this I should like to see a condition of stagnation from overproduction. There never was a time in the history of this country or any other where the contents of the markets and warehouses would

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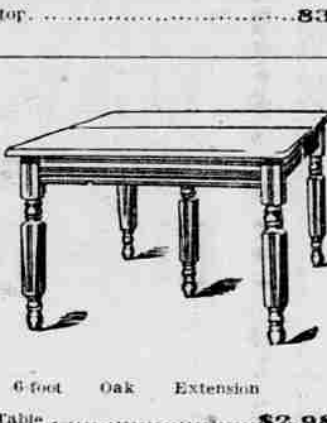
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"When the spirit of Christmas comes to reign in human affairs we shall so arrange matters that industry will not tend to kill industry, and that there will not be a struggle for want, if production is in excess of demand on the plane of food we will turn it into other channels. We will give men a chance to work for better houses, better furniture, more books, more pleasure, more necessities.

"When the Christmas spirit reigns poverty will be no more. For the comforter there will be a new heaven and a new earth, for the former things shall have passed away."

NEWS FROM ALEXANDRIA

Serious Stabbing of a Southern Railway Fireman.

Funeral of Mrs. Mary Entwistle—Novel Way to Prevent Turkey Stealing—Social Notes.

Alexandria, Dec. 26.—Walker Weggington, colored, employed as a fireman on the Southern Railway, was seriously stabbed in the breast last night, and but for the prompt attention of Dr. O'Brien would have died from loss of blood. Lewis Carrington, also colored, who did the cutting, is still at large. Carrington has been living at the house of Matilda Pendergast, on Wilkes street, and when he went home last night he found Weggington at the house. Both men were drunk, and were soon engaged in a controversy, which terminated in Carrington whipping out his knife and plunging the blade into the breast of his rival. Weggington was removed to his home on Fayette street, between King and Cameron, and a companion hurried to the office of Dr. O'Brien, who was called to the scene. The doctor directed him to have the injured man removed to the infirmary for treatment.

Subsequently, Dr. O'Brien was called to attend Weggington. The cutting was reported by Policeman Young today, and this afternoon Policeman Roberts located the wounded man, and learned the facts in connection with the case. The condition of John Lewis, who was shot in the back of the head yesterday by Arthur Shirley, continues serious, and he is expected to die. The services were conducted by Rev. Perryman Greene, of Christ Church, and Rev. P. P. Phillips, of St. Paul's church. The pallbearers were John J. McEnamery, L. McKenzie Fell, Henry Entwistle, Louis Kemper and John Entwistle, and the interment was in St. Paul's cemetery.

Willis Thompson, colored, is locked up at the police station, charged with assaulting R. H. Davis.

A prominent resident of the Third ward, who lost his Thanksgiving Day turkey, has been arrested by the police, charged with the theft of the bird. The turkey, as usual, was hung at the kitchen door, but this one had a string attached to it, and on one end was a bell, suspended over the bed of the owner. A six-shooter was close at hand, and the fellow who might have attempted to secure this turkey would doubtless have been in no condition to enjoy the Christmas holidays.

John Hane was arrested by Policeman Hall on the charge of defacing the property of Charles May, a Chinese laundryman. Smith, the evening news, was reported by Rev. Perryman Greene, of Christ Church, and Rev. P. P. Phillips, of St. Paul's church. The pallbearers were John J. McEnamery, L. McKenzie Fell, Henry Entwistle, Louis Kemper and John Entwistle, and the interment was in St. Paul's cemetery.

The members of the Hydration Fire Company, who were entertained last night by Mr. Michael Nash, at his home, on North Patrick street.

Beverly Walker, who was arrested yesterday for breaking his window of Mr. Henry Wildt, was released today on paying the damages.

A children's mass meeting, which will be conducted by Mr. Crittenton, will be held in Trinity M. E. Church tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Mr. C. W. Sands of Knoxville, is spending the holidays in this city.

Miss Mabel Graham is home from school for the holidays.

The Misses Harlow have returned from school at Mt. St. Agnes, near Baltimore.

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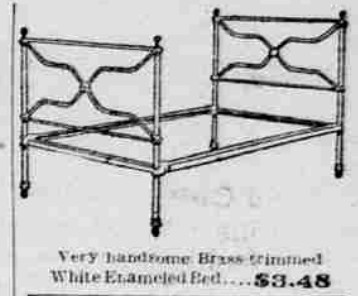
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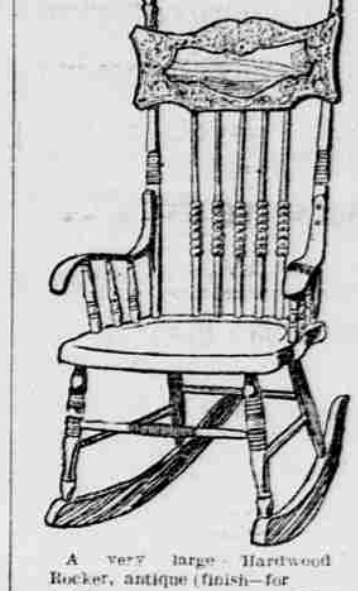
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